

Nebraska Library Commission



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Nebraska Library Commission 21st Century Librarian Scholarship Program

To apply for a second scholarship for a particular degree, submit the materials listed below:

Only complete applications will be reviewed. All applications are confidential. Information will not be shared with any other organizations or individuals except as required by state or federal laws. All application materials will be kept on file at the Nebraska Library Commission.

1) Application form

2) Transcripts

Request that an official copy of your transcript for completed courses be sent to the Nebraska Library Commission 21st Century Librarian Scholarship Program. If you have not yet completed any courses in your program, include in the application packet a copy of a request to your educational institution to send an official transcript when the academic semester or quarter is concluded.

3) Statement

Prepare a statement (approximately 250 words) that describes how the library and/or information science coursework you've taken thus far might enhance your future professional career. Some topics that you might include are:

- How the coursework in your program will help you, or has already helped you, in meeting your goals as a librarian.
- What have you learned about the library profession that you did not know?

Describe a class project or activity from a course in your degree program. How have you applied what you learned from the experience, either in a library or another work environment?

4) Signed Agreement (must have an original signature)

Send the complete application packet, including the Application Form, Statement, and the Signed Agreement, to:

**Nebraska Library Commission
21st Century Librarian Scholarship Program
c/o Mary Jo Ryan
1200 N Street, Suite 120
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023
mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us**

Application Form

I am applying for my second 21st Century Librarian Scholarship (check one)

- ☐ Bachelor's Degree Scholarship Program
- ☐ Master of Education in School Library Media Scholarship Program
- ☐ Master of Library and/or Information Science Scholarship Program

Application Date _____

Name _____

Home/Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Alternate/Cell _____ E-mail: _____

I am seeking scholarship funding for: ☐ Summer Semester/Quarter ☐ Fall Semester/Quarter
☐ Winter Semester/Quarter ☐ Spring Quarter (check all that apply)

☐ Check this box to request a waiver of the residency requirement if you work full-time in a Nebraska library or school.

Name and location of college or university you plan to attend or are attending _____

Do you currently work in a library or school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which library or school and where? _____

What is your position there? _____

If no, have you ever worked in a library or school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which library or school and where? _____

What was your position there? _____

When did you start or plan to start your degree program? _____ (month/year)

When do you anticipate completion of your degree program? _____ (month/year)

In what library or school position do you want to work after completing your degrees?

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_____ Approved _____ Not approved _____ Date _____

Scholarship amount _____ Approved by _____

Nebraska Library Commission 21st Century Librarian

Agreement*

I have read and accept the following application conditions:

- I am currently a Nebraska resident.**
- I will provide copies of course registration, a course plan, and a projected timeline for completion of my degree program.
- Upon request, I will provide authorization for my educational records to be released to the Nebraska library Commission.
- I will be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program concentrating in Library Science or School Library Media from an accredited college or university. Course registration must be verified before funds are disbursed.
- I agree that scholarship funds will be used to pay only for tuition, course-related materials, and fees.
- I agree that scholarship funds not expended after 2 years from the scholarship award will no longer be available to me.
- After obtaining a degree, I will seek employment in a Nebraska public, school, institutional, tribal, or special library in a librarian position and, if employed, work for at least 12 months.
- After obtaining a degree, I will be willing to serve as a formal library mentor for 12 months as part of the Nebraska Library Commission's mentoring program.
- I agree to participate in mentoring activities and to be paired with a mentor or choose a mentor for advice in educational and career development. I agree to participate in least one mentoring training session during the year for which the scholarship is awarded.
- I will be available for follow-up interviews by the Nebraska Library Commission for scholarship program evaluation.
- I understand my application materials will be kept on file at the Nebraska Library Commission, will be confidential, and will not be shared with any other organizations or individuals except as may be required by state or federal laws.
- I understand that incomplete applications will not be reviewed until all materials are received.
- I certify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

*This agreement must be submitted on paper with original signature, and delivered by postal mail or in person.

**Applicant may request a waiver of the residency requirement if they are currently employed full-time in a Nebraska library or school.

**Nebraska Library Commission
21st Century Library Scholarship Program
Survey**

• For Statistical Use Only •

This information will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our recruitment efforts.

Your response to this survey is voluntary and will not affect your application. Your name will not be associated with this information. Please help us by completing this voluntary questionnaire.

A) Gender

☐ Male ☐ Female

B) Age

☐ 19 or less ☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70 or over

C) Highest Level of Education

<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate/or GED	<input type="checkbox"/> M.A., M.S., or professional similar degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Post High School, Vocational or Business School	<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D., J.D., L.L.B. or similar professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> College, less than B.A. or B.S. degree	<input type="checkbox"/> M.D. or similar professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> B.A., B.S. or similar degree	

D) Of which Racial/Ethnic group do you consider yourself a member?

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black, non-Hispanic origin
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic origin
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	

E) For which Nebraska Library Commission scholarship program are you applying?

☐ Master of Library and/or Information Science
☐ Master of Education in School Library Media
☐ Bachelor's Degree
☐ Library Technical Assistant (LTA)

F) How did you hear about this scholarship program?

<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska Library Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment PSA at a Movie Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska Library Commission Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment PSA and informational DVD
<input type="checkbox"/> Now Hiring at Your Library Website	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Counselor/Academic Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/or Periodical	<input type="checkbox"/> College Counselor/Academic Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Fair (which one?) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Library (where?) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer and/or other printed material	